

COMMITTEE TO
SEEK EVIDENCE
OF VIOLATIONS

Inquiry Into British Interference With American Trade Is Begun by Sen. Stone.

FOREIGN RELATIONS TO
COME UP IN HOUSE

Many Senators Are Said to be Opposed to Break With Austria Over the Ancona Sinking.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Sec'y of State Lansing announced this afternoon that the Austrian reply to the last Ancona note had been handed to Ambassador Penfield at Vienna. The secretary stated that it would take some time to code the note and prepare it for filing and he did not expect it would reach the state department before tomorrow or Saturday.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The first step in what may prove the most important investigation of the foreign affairs of the United States ever planned was taken today. Democratic members of the senate foreign relations committee began the collection of evidence in the alleged British interference with American trade.

The inquiry was instituted by Sen. Stone of Missouri, chairman of the committee. It will lay the ground work for a complete investigation of the entire subject, should the resolution of Sen. Hoke Smith authorizing such inquiry finally be approved. May Widen scope.

It is certain that if the Smith resolution is passed an influential group of senators opposed to such action will try to force widening of the scope of the inquiry to include the submarine activities of Germany and Austria. Sen. Lodge already has offered an amendment to the Hoke Smith resolution along that line.

Senators look for open opposition upon the floor of the house next week. Many senators oppose an open break with Austria at this time. They do not believe that the Ancona situation need be made a serious one, and it is expected that an effort will be made to secure passage of a resolution asking the state department for all of its facts.

Will Secure Facts.
Anticipating a flood of resolutions dealing with the foreign situation and the changes resulting from the European war, Sen. Stone has decided that the foreign relations committee shall gather all available facts that may be of service in an investigation that may be ordered. The committee will be prepared to review the entire economic situation and to determine to what extent American reports are being infringed by the British interference with neutral commerce.

Members of the committee and Chairman Stone already have discussed this entire question with Sec'y Lansing and as soon as Pres't Wilson gets back to his desk next week, influential democratic senators will try to advance a conference with him to ask that more publicity be given the real facts in the foreign relations of the United States. They will very frankly tell the president that the efforts of the state department to conceal every move that is being made in our negotiations with foreign powers is to blame for many erroneous impressions that have become wide spread and will ask that this be changed.

PACIFISTS WORRY
OVER ANCONA CASE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 30.—Much anxiety is being caused among the remaining members of the Ford peace party over the growing seriousness of the relations between the United States and Austria-Hungary over the sinking of the Ancona. Mme. Roska Schwimmer, the official adviser of the pacifists, is a native of Hungary. Louis P. Lochner of Chicago, secretary of the expedition, in discussing the situation said: "No matter what happens this party will undoubtedly continue. We cannot consider Mme. Schwimmer an enemy alien. It is too well known that she is a friend of peace." It is learned that four Norwegian and 16 Swedish delegates have been chosen for the peace gathering, but the names have not been made known. S. S. McClure and Judge Ben Lindsey were delegated to extend a personal invitation to Mme. Ellen Key to join the Ford party. Mme. Key is a noted Swedish writer and is known as one of the most distinguished feminists in the world.

BLIZZARD FAILS TO
REACH SOUTH BEND

Some Advantages of Being Citizens Here, According to Comparisons.

While communities all around South Bend are having extremely cold weather, this vicinity is going through one of the warmest winters it has ever had. Zero and even colder weather is visiting places to the east and west, but this city is having ideal weather. The temperature for Wednesday night was 25 degrees above during the coldest part of the night and during the warmer periods the thermometer rose to 31 above.

St. Joseph county conditions are peculiar to those in any other part of the county, according to Henry Swaim, government weather observer. This locality gets all of the moisture off Lake Michigan and even mildly cold weather causes a great abundance of snow. The same conditions help ward off storms that head this way.

KALISPELL, Mont., Dec. 30.—The temperature here today was 12 below zero.

GARDINER, Mont., Dec. 30.—Temperatures in Yellowstone park today were 18 below zero.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 30.—Twelve below zero was recorded here today.

PROFESSIONAL JURORS
ARE NOT WANTED

Men Who Make It a Business to Serve Will Not Find Welcome on the Mat.

So called professional jury men, men who have served on either circuit or superior court venues within the last year, men unfitted either through old age or disease, are not wanted for jurors to serve on the superior court panel, Judge George Ford told Wilbur E. Gorsuch and John Shimp Thursday morning. They qualified as jury commissioners.

They will select the names of 144 men, which will be placed in the jury box and from which will be withdrawn at random those who are to serve during the various terms of court in the coming year. Judge Ford also told the commissioners that factory superintendents and foremen make undesirable jurors as they were so absorbed in their own business that usually it was necessary to excuse them in the long run for duty as jurors.

VERDICT FOR \$6 IS
GIVEN DEFENDANT

Jury Finds Both Sides Are Entitled to Damages—Will Split Costs.

Lawyers spent seven days trying the Pere Marquette Railroad Co. vs. John G. Young in circuit court. Twelve jurors heard the testimony. Costs piled up when the case which was venued here from Laporte, and Thursday morning the jury returned a verdict of \$6 for the defendant. To the railroad company on its complaint was given \$333 for demurrage which it charged was due from Young, a Laporte contractor. The latter received \$333 on a cross complaint, for the cost of a sidetrack put in at the contractor's expense. The case will probably be appealed by either one side or the other. The costs will be split 50-50.

FOLLOWED HOME BY MAN

Suspicious Actions Are Reported to the Police.

A report that suspicious characters had been seen in the vicinity of his home at 518 N. Lafayette st. was made at police headquarters by Harry Wood, late Wednesday night. Wood stated his step-son, Ralph Treanor, had been followed by a man, apparently slightly crippled, and that upon reaching the house, two men had run from the drive to the porch. Officer Tholander was detailed to the case.

WILL BE MADE A DEACON

Ordination Service to be Held at St. James Sunday.

James H. Bishop, formerly organist and choir master at St. James' church, will be ordained to the sacred order of deacons by Bishop John Hazen White at St. James' church Sunday morning at 11 o'clock. Mr. Bishop went from here to Plymouth, and it was while there that he became a candidate for the holy orders.

WILL RECEIVE

Bishop John Hazen White will receive friends and members of St. James' church at the clergy house, 315 W. Colfax av., on New Year's day. The reception will be held from 4 o'clock until 7 o'clock in the evening.

MARRIAGE LICENSES

Emerson D. Sager, farmer, Bronson, Mich.; Bertha Phillips, Mishawaka.
Antoni Pruszkowski, farmer, St. Joseph Co.; Mary Sulezewska, St. Joseph Co.
William H. Dillon, fisher, Cordova Mac Feller, cashier.

BOARD SPENT
HALF MILLION
IN TWO YEARS

Annual Report Shows Four Miles of Sewers Were Built in 1915—City Has Many Paved Streets.

ADDITIONS MADE TO
GARBAGE DEPARTMENT

Five Miles of Water Mains Laid During Year—New Street Signs Are Supplied by City.

In connection with a summarized report of the work done by the board of public works during 1915, issued Thursday, E. M. Morris, president of the board, stated that 15 per cent of the sewer improvements in the city have been made since the present board has been in office. The report also reveals that during the past 12 months, \$148,289 was spent on street and sewer improvements.

Approximately \$78,000 was used in building over four miles of sewers, while more than \$45,000 was spent on paving of various kinds and grade, curb and sidewalk improvement work was the most extensive of any of the board's operations. Among the more important sewers completed during the year are given as follows:

Bowman creek sewer, at a cost of \$150,000; Michigan st. sewer, at a cost of \$42,157; Leeper av. sewer, at a cost of \$3,843; High st. sewer, at a cost of \$1,908; Bowman st. sewer, at a cost of \$2,275; Indiana av. sewer, at a cost of \$1,908; Bowman st. sewer, at a cost of \$2,954; St. Peter and Sorin st. sewers, \$2,176.

Brick Streets Laid.
There was a lack of demand for paving according to Pres't Morris, who reported that \$213 feet of brick paving was done at a cost of \$17,459; macadam, 2,195 ft. at a cost of \$3,263; asphalt, \$2,490 ft., at a cost of \$13,659; asphaltic concrete, 835 ft., at a cost of \$6,573. Just exactly one mile of grade curbing and sidewalk was built during the year, according to the report which shows 5,280 ft., at a cost of \$12,476.

Figures compiled by the engineering department shows the city now has the following amounts of improved streets:

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| Brick pavement |51 1/2 miles |
| Asphalt pavement |7 1/2 " |
| Asphaltic concrete |1 1/2 " |
| Concrete |1 1/2 " |
| Gravel |2 1/2 " |
| Macadam |7 3/4 " |
| Crested block |3/4 " |

Totals72 1/2 miles
Figures have also been compiled by the city engineer showing the number of miles of sewers in the city at the present time. This report shows:

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| Pipe sewer |75 miles |
| Brick sewer |14 " |
| Concrete sewer |1 1/2 " |

Total93 1/2 miles
Spent Around \$500,000.

According to the statements made by Pres't Morris more than half a million dollars have been spent by the board of public works during the past two years upon improvements. During the past year the central water station has been overhauled and "watered" making it now a modern institution while a side show of considerable magnitude in the various booster bands here from all points of the state to urge the candidacy of sectional favorites for governor and the senate.

A special train came down from Lake county cities bearing boosters for R. C. Johnson of Gary and N. J. Bozarth of Valparaiso for governor. There were special cars on all of the traction lines, each bearing of office-seekers. Aspirants for the governorship are James P. Goodrich of Winchester, and Warren T. McCray of Kentland.

Three men remain in the race for the senatorial nomination. They are Harry New, Jim Watson and Arthur Robinson. William L. Taylor dropped out.

SHIP ARRIVES

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The steamship Bankdale, which was damaged by a bomb on her last eastward voyage, arrived from Bordeaux today badly battered by gales. Some of the lifeboats and all the cattle rails were swept overboard.

SUB IS SUNK

PARIS, Dec. 30.—A Havas News

All Americas to
Combine Forces
For Protection

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—A Pan-American union, under the terms of which the naval and military forces of all the Americas would be consolidated to enforce the Monroe doctrine today loomed up as an imminent probability. It was learned this afternoon that Sec'y Lansing has sounded out representatives of all the South American republics who are here attending the pan-American scientific congress. Just what assurances were given him it is not known. An unofficial canvass of the South American representatives, however, shows sentiment strongly in favor of such a military union.

It was stated on reliable authority that initial steps looking towards organization of the union would be taken before the adjournment of the scientific congress. Pres't Wilson is understood to have instructed Sec'y Lansing to sound the visiting Latin-American representatives and reports on their attitude have been forwarded to him at Hot Springs.

TEUTONS PREPARE
FOR WEST DRIVE

Fresh Troops Arriving in Belgium—French Say All Attacks Fail.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 30.—Germany is said to be making preparations for a big drive on the west front. According to information from Belgium, 30,000 reinforcements are arriving daily at certain points. Eighty thousand fresh troops have arrived on the Arras front together with quantities of ammunition. A heavy mass of artillery is being concentrated at Tournai. All inhabitants are being ordered out of the fire zone.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The repulse of a German attack west of Peronne and a successful cannonade in Champagne which prevented the Germans from repairing their shattered trenches constituted the sum and substance of the official war office communiqué today.

"To the west of Peronne the enemy tried to seize one of our sap works before Dompre, but was completely repulsed.

"In Champagne, in the region of Ferme Navarin (Navarin farm) our artillery fire prevented the enemy from repairing the trenches blown up by us during the night of Dec. 28-29.

"Nothing has been reported from the balance of the front."

MANY ARRESTS AT MANILA

Revolution Is Nipped as Result of Police Raids.

MANILA, P. I., Dec. 30.—The Harrison administration announced today that an incipient revolution had been nipped as the result of police raids Wednesday. Seditious documents, flags of the secret Filipino society of the Katipunan and seals and commissions issued by rebel officers were captured in the raids in Manila and suburbs. Numerous arrests were made, the men being declared to be followers of Artemio Ricarte.

The officials refused to discuss a persistent report that consuls of the allies have notified the American government here that submarines were being shipped piecemeal to the islands to set up with German-Malay crews to prey on commerce in the Orient. The foreign consuls were said to have stated that the money for the revolution came from German sources.

Latest in the News World

MEETS LANSING.
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Baron Zedineck, the Austrian charge, and Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, conferred for nearly an hour today at the German embassy on the Ancona case. After the conference they both said they had received no communications regarding the case from their governments, and that their meeting was merely for an exchange of their personal views of the situation.

GOVERNOR DIES

NEW ORLEANS, La., Dec. 30.—Gov. W. S. Hammond, democrat, of Minnesota, died suddenly today at the going hotel in Clinton, La. He had been in Clinton several days on private business. His term expires in January, 1917.

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ARMY HOTEL
IS WRECKED
BY EXPLOSION

Twenty-five Pounds of Dynamite Placed Just Inside Doors of Building at Butte, Mont., Lets Go.

BUILDINGS ADJOINING
ARE BADLY DAMAGED

Three Hundred Guests Flee Into Streets With Temperature 20 Below—I. W. Workers Blamed.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 30.—The Salvation Army barracks, a two story frame structure was wrecked by the explosion of 25 pounds of dynamite early today. The building is located on East Broadway, within a block of the city hall and close to the center of the city.

The Tait hotel, a four story brick structure, adjoining, and the Finlen hotel, one of the largest in the city and across the street from the barracks was badly damaged.

Three hundred guests rushed into the streets, into a temperature 20 degrees below zero. The entire police and detective force has been called out. The source of the explosion is enveloped in mystery, but the belief is strong that a gang of industrial workers of the world, whose leaders were sent from Butte to the penitentiary for dynamiting miners union hall when Butte was placed under martial law have planned a campaign of revenge.

Twenty people rooming in the second story of the wrecked barracks had narrow escapes. The dynamite was placed just inside the doors of the Salvation Army hall. Taking advantage of the confusion, thieves attempted to raid the rooms on the third and fourth floors of the Finlen hotel which had been deserted by the expected guests. A crowd of police was stationed at every exit of the hotel and several robbers were placed under arrest.

NAVAL BOARD IS NOT
SATISFIED WITH SHELL

Government Will Conduct No More Experiments With Explosive.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—An announcement that the Isham exterior explosive shell had failed to satisfy a board of naval officers, appointed to experiment with it was made by Sec'y Daniels today. In the further announcement that upon recommendations of the board no further experiments would be conducted at government expense.

Mr. Daniels ending a controversy which has engaged the attention of naval ordnance experts for years past.

Briefly stated the Isham shell, the invention of William C. Isham of this city, is an exterior explosive shell as distinguished from an armor piercing projectile. So embittered was the controversy that arose over earlier experiments with the shell that Sec'y Daniels in Oct. 1914, appointed a special board to further investigate its merits and this board has just reported.

POOR JOHN!

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Since the dissolution of the Standard Oil Co., John D. Rockefeller's holding in oil stocks have increased in value from \$1,192,100 to \$421,056,400, according to estimates of brokers today.

DENY REPORT

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The report from Bucharest that a German submarine had been sunk in the Black sea by Russian ships was today denied by the admiralty through the Overseas News agency.

EVIDENCE ALL IN

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—All the evidence in the New Haven conspiracy trial was completed at 12:35 p. m., and court adjourned until Monday, when the attorneys will begin their summing up.

FOOD PLENTIFUL

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—(Via Sayville by wireless.)—Count Westarp of the reichstag committee, which has been investigating food conditions reported today that the existing supply is sufficient to feed Germany's population no matter how long the war lasts.

British Leaders in Break



LONDON.—The crisis in the British cabinet has been heightened by the threat of David Lloyd-George to resign unless Premier Asquith adheres to his pledge to apply compulsion to unmarried "slackers" if they fail to present themselves for enlistment under Lord Derby's recruiting plan.

The whole cabinet threatens to split on the conscription issue and in case of a downfall of the Asquith government, Lloyd-George is the logical successor to the premiership.

HOLDS WOMEN ARE
POORLY EQUIPPED

Should be Trained in Business of Home Making, Says Ida Tarbell.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—"Women are more poorly equipped for the profession of motherhood than for any other business. This is particularly true of working girls, the majority of whom marry on small incomes. The results are deplorable."

This was Miss Ida M. Tarbell's summing up of the question of the "essential education for the average woman" in addressing the pan-American scientific congress today.

Miss Tarbell proved by statistics that most girls who work marry. In the vast majority of cases these girls come to their tasks without systematic training, educational systems refusing to recognize the care of a family as a vocation.

Nothing will lift the stigma that now rests on housekeeping labor except training for the business of home making, starting in the kindergarten and ending in the high school, Miss Tarbell said.

Miss Susan Kingsbury of Bryn Mawr, Pa., however, was of the opinion that women should be so educated as to face the responsibilities of citizenship.

SOLDIERS GET PRESENTS

France Sends Men Two Cent Cigar and Other Articles.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—The government is giving every French soldier the following articles for a New Year's present: A slice of ham, a jar of jam, an orange, two apples, a two-cent cigar and a pint of wine.

PAY QUESTION IS UP

Miners and Operators May Meet on Jan. 6.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—In an effort to avoid closing the bituminous coal mines in Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and western Pennsylvania on April 1, the miners' representatives have sent an invitation to the operators to meet them in conference here Jan. 6.

BUCHANAN IN OFFICE,
IS AWAITING ARREST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Rep. Frank Buchanan of Illinois, indicted in New York, charged with participation in the anti-alied ammunition plots, waited at his office today for the arrival of U. S. Marshal Spain with a certified copy of the warrant.

Although Buchanan yesterday threatened to make a determined fight against being arrested, declaring that he would stand on his constitutional rights as a member of the house and therefore was immune from arrest, today he said he would not decide what to do until the warrant was served. Marshal Spain did not know when he would act, saying there "was no hurry."

It was expected that the warrant would be served late today not only on Buchanan but on Henry B. Martin and Herman Schulteis, other members of Labor's Peace Council indicted with Buchanan. The return will then be made to the district criminal court and the men will go to New York and give bail for trial unless Buchanan finally decides to fight.

AUSTRIANS IN
FULL RETREAT
AFTER BATTLE

Warships Play Prominent Part in Encounter in Western Montenegro—Thousands of Shells Fired.

BOMBARD BULGARIAN
PORT ON BLACK SEA

Great Quantities of Ammunition Thrown Into Sea When British Withdraw Says Berlin Story.

CETTINJE, Montenegro, Dec. 30.—Another defeat for the Austrians in Montenegro is chronicled in the following official statement:

"After a three days' battle in which thousands of shells were fired from forts and warships, the Austrians were in full retreat from Reskovizza, pursued by us."

The battle was fought in western Montenegro on the Adriatic littoral which account for the presence of warships.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—A Reuter dispatch from Athens says it is semi-officially announced there that Varna, the principal Bulgarian port on the Black sea, and Traza have been bombarded by Russian warships.

The king's palace at Varna, was shelled.

The semi-official statement also says that German troops from Serbia are being concentrated at Varna.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—(Via Sayville by wireless.)—A correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger, who has just visited the Gallipoli peninsula, telegraphs to his paper that the Turks are recovering great quantities of ammunition which was thrown into the sea by the English before evacuating the Suvla and Anzac fronts.

The article in part follows: "Everywhere are signs of a hurried retreat. Unburied bodies of soldiers lie scattered about everywhere. The Turks captured enormous quantities of preserved meats, flour, rubber covers, tents, copper wire, rifles, ammunition and sanitary materials. Suvla bay presented a wonderful picture with wrecks of four stranded British transports sticking from the surface. Many caves cut into the rock were discovered, most of them being filled with supplies. Every day more ammunition is being discovered, having been thrown into the sea by the British in their retreat."

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Russians in the southern part of the eastern front are making tremendous efforts to break through the Austrian lines. These efforts are developing into the most important operation since the great German drive.

The amount of ammunition expended is incredible and the loss of men must be enormous. On the Bessarabia front the Russians have attacked eight times in the last four days, each time in force.

According to Vienna, every onslaught has been repulsed, but evidently some slight progress has been made by the czar's troops. The Austrian official report today admits a retirement at one place. It says: "In Bessarabia renewed Russian attacks failed with great losses. East of Purkanov one of our recon-

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AUSTRIANS LOSE
TWO DESTROYERS

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Two Austrian destroyers have been sunk in the Adriatic sea off Durazzo, one by allied warships and the other by a mine. They were the Lika and the Triglav.

Official announcement of the destruction of the destroyers was made by the French admiralty today.

The following official communiqué was given out: "An Austrian naval division which had made a sortie from Cattaro for the purpose of bombarding Durazzo came upon a squadron of allied ships off the port and fled."

"The Austrian destroyer Lika struck a mine and was sunk. The destroyer Triglav, of the same type, was sent to the bottom by the allied warships. The balance of the Austrian ships fled to their base pursued by the allied warships."

The Lika and the Triglav were 266 feet long, 25 feet in the beam and of 757 tons displacement. They carried two 18-inch torpedoes, six 11 pounders and two 3.9 inch guns. They speed was 32 knots.

JURY GETS CASE TODAY

Mathew A. Schmidt May Hear His Fate Soon.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., Dec. 30.—Late today, probably, the jury will get the case of Mathew A. Schmidt, charged with the murder of Charles A. Hagerty, killed in the explosion in the Los Angeles Times building five years ago. The attorneys expect to conclude their arguments by 4 o'clock this afternoon. Judge Frank R. Willis will then require an hour to read his instructions.